

# Local News

## IN BRIEF

### Barefoot bowls

THE South Toowoomba Bowls Club is ready to start up the Jack Attack barefoot bowls competition from Friday, January 8 at 6pm.

Teams of three use just two bowls in the fast-paced game designed to appeal to new players in 60-75 minute games. The series runs for five weeks and up to six players can register for a team.

Phone Christine on 4635 1960 or 0473 172 911 to join.

### Ballet masterclasses

QUEENSLAND Ballet's principal dancer Clare Morehan is coming to Toowoomba on Sunday, January 17 to teach masterclasses at the PCYC.

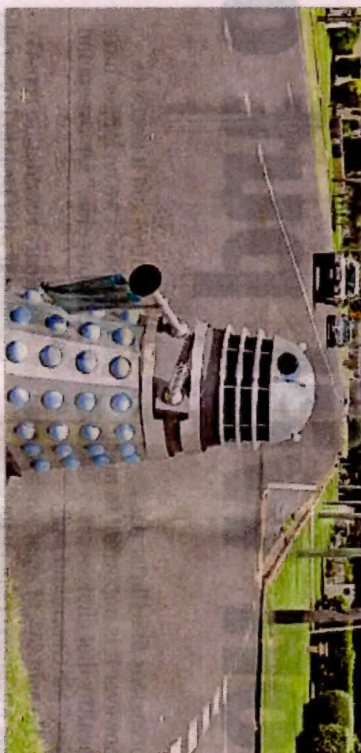
The junior class is open for all dance students aged eight to 12 from 10am to 11am and seniors 13 years and over are invited to an open ballet class from 11.15am to 1.15pm. Bookings are essential as classes are limited in size.

Phone 0405 815 257 or email [nccbedd@gmail.com](mailto:nccbedd@gmail.com) for more information.

### Bunnings workshops

TOOWOOMBA residents can learn handy tips and skills at Bunnings Warehouse Toowoomba West's January DIY Workshops. The workshops will be held on Saturday and Sundays throughout the month.

There will also be free DIY workshops for kids. For more information phone 4637 7600.



Motorists have to look twice when Dalek Ky takes to the streets.



Dalek Ky spends the day in Allora.



Daleks like to spend time playing too.



Dalek Ky visits an ATM in Allora on the way to doing its shopping.

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# Allora's Dalek Ky happy

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IN Doctor Who they are one of the most feared races in the universe, but Allora's Dalek Ky is happy to live in peace.

Dalek Ky was created by Allora man and Doctor Who fan Fraser Clark who also runs the local Doctor Who group. Mr Clark recently took his Dalek out to the streets of Allora to test out its new wheels, seeing the local sights in

the main street, park and even doing daily tasks like shopping and visiting the ATM. "It was just for a bit of fun really. The reaction you get from people varies. Most people know what it is because it is such a recognisable

character from Doctor Who and others think it's from Star Wars and still want a photo with it," he said. "I started building it in 2013 in September and gradually added bits to it in my spare time, so it



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## Power on after storms hit the Darling Downs

MORE than 70 power poles have been replaced after storms hit the Darling Downs region.

Cloudy weather will continue this week and into the New Year, with only a small chance of rain.

The minimum today is expected to be 16 degrees and the maximum 22 degrees with a 20 per cent chance of showers. There will be less chance of showers through the rest of the week, with just a 10 per cent chance of rain on New Year's Eve.

After the storms in the Cecil Plains region last week, Ergon Energy has restored power to all customers yesterday either by the network or through generation.

An Ergon Energy spokesman said Ergon would remain in daily contact with customers being supplied by generation until they can return to mains power.

"A lot of work remains to be done to return the network to its normal configuration and crews will continue working in the region for several days yet," he said.

"More than 100 crew members, including a contingent from Energec, were in the field on Boxing Day and they are now focusing on the worst affected areas where access continues to be difficult."

Additional excavators were brought in to assist on Christmas Day in areas where mud was too boggy for Ergon vehicles.



DOCTOR WHO FAN: Allora's Fraser Clark with the Dalek he spent two years building.

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## to live with locals

took about two years."

The Dalek needs a person inside to operate, with a modified electric wheelchair to move around.

It also features a voice modifier, so it really sounds like a Dalek. "People think it's amazing when

it speaks back to them," he said.

"You often get people going down the road and they have to do a u-turn and come back."

While Mr Fraser only has one Dalek at the moment, he hasn't ruled out creating his own Dalek

army in the future.

He has been watching Doctor Who as long as he can remember and is thrilled he can share his love of it with his town with residents coming to say hi to Dalek Ky.



Even Daleks need to do their shopping.



Who is the Dalek going to call? Doctor Who, that's who.